

### Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) An electrodeposition coating composition comprising:
- (i) a cationic or anionic resin and a cross-linking agent, and
  - (ii) an ester compound selected from the group consisting of:
    - ~~(a) a diester compound of polyoxyalkylene glycol and aliphatic monocarboxylic acid,~~
    - (b) a diester compound of polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether monoalcohol and aliphatic dicarboxylic acid, and
    - (c) a polyester compound obtained by reaction of aliphatic glycol having 2 or 3 carbon atoms, aliphatic dicarboxylic acid and aliphatic monoalcohol.
- 2-6. (Cancel)
7. (Original) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, wherein the polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether monoalcohol in the diester compound (b) has an alkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms and an alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms.
8. (Original) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, wherein the polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether monoalcohol in the diester compound (b) has a weight average molecular weight falling in a range of 100 to 500.
9. (Original) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, wherein the aliphatic dicarboxylic acid in the diester compound (b) is aliphatic dicarboxylic acid having 4 to 8 carbon atoms.
10. (Previously presented) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 9, wherein the aliphatic dicarboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of succinic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, pimelic acid and suberic acid.

11. (Original) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, wherein the diester compound (b) has a weight average molecular weight falling in a range of 300 to 1200.

12. (Currently amended) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, wherein the aliphatic glycol in the ~~diester~~ polyester compound (c) is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol and 1,3-propanediol.

13. (Currently amended) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, wherein the aliphatic dicarboxylic acid in the ~~diester~~ polyester compound (c) is aliphatic dicarboxylic acid having 4 to 8 carbon atoms.

14. (Previously presented) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 13, wherein the aliphatic dicarboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of succinic acid, glutaric acid, adipic acid, pimelic acid and suberic acid.

15. (Currently amended) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, wherein the aliphatic monoalcohol in the ~~diester~~ polyester compound (c) is aliphatic monoalcohol having 4 to 13 carbon atoms.

16. (Previously presented) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, wherein the aliphatic monoalcohol is selected from the group consisting of butyl alcohol, hexyl alcohol, octyl alcohol, 2-ethylhexyl alcohol, isononyl alcohol, tridecanol and tridecyl alcohol.

17. (Currently amended) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, wherein the ~~diester~~ polyester compound (c) has a weight average molecular weight falling in a range of 300 to 2000.

18. (Cancelled)
19. (Previously presented) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, comprising the ester compound in a range of 0.5 to 20 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of resin solid matter of the electrodeposition coating composition.
20. (Previously presented) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1, comprising the ester compound in a range of 1 to 10 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of resin solid matter of the electrodeposition coating composition.
21. (Previously presented) An article coated with the electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 1.
22. (Previously presented) The electrodeposition coating composition as described in claim 4, wherein the aliphatic monocarboxylic acid has 8 carbon atoms.